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CASH IN ADVANCE

Americans carry more life insurance than any other people. And certainly need it.

Some fellows who think they should be elected to office display much originality of thought.

Now a cash and carry liquor system is proposed. The trouble is that so few can carry the system with dignity.

Crime among our alien population might be decreased by preventing their association with our native population.

The ultimate pain for universal peace may be evolved by some fellow who has successfully managed a church choir.

The Russian novelist, Fedor Solovchik, didn't help matters much when he chose as his pen name "Kamshik Tetermikov."

Dr. Will Durant says men over thirty are incapable of loving. But some of the old boys make a bluff that gets by.

In the old days of the wild and woolly West stretched here was found to be an effective antidote for crime waves.

Correct this sentence: "She immediately gave up the idea of marrying him when his parents explained how worthless he was."

When opera singers throw things around it is attributed to the Artistic Temperament. Fortunately, bricklayers seldom get that way.

Sweeten shames American inventiveness by making sugar out of sawdust. The best we can do is to convert it into breakfast food.

Pullman sleepers have been introduced into Switzerland. Those

mountain climbers ought to be able to scale the upper berth with little difficulty.

It appears that some women get married only as a first step toward acquiring the fascination which is necessary to attract to a "dashing young fellow."

This is merely a poor translation or is it a prophecy? An Italian newspaper refers to the American Farm Bureau Federation as the "American Peasants' Union."

CHRISTMAS LURE

Christmas being one of the most widely celebrated of all holidays it is only natural that many old customs and superstitions should have been identified with its observance in various lands and at different times.

The date December 25 approximates that of certain ancient festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia, the Scandinavian Yule, the winter festival of the brotherhoods, and later the Roman festival of the sun god Mithras.

One of the oldest superstitions once prevalent throughout Europe was that animals were endowed with the power of speech on Christmas. Another was that persons born on that day were destined to enjoy good luck throughout life.

It was an old custom to wash one's face with water on Christmas, in the belief that this would preserve them from harm during the ensuing year. According to a Polish superstition what one does on the first of January determines his fortune for the following year.

There was an ancient belief that the kind of dream one had on Christmas was indicative of one's future. Decorative purposes was capable of conferring special blessings upon those who passed under the yew boughs. To pass under holly boughs brought good fortune, say, signifying victory, while laurel boughs and mistletoe were symbols of peace and good will.

The mythical Santa Claus has been known by many names, including those of Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Knecht Ruprecht, Robin Goodfellow, and others. In Germany he was known as Kramper, and in the United States as Father Christmas. In the latter country he was supposed to carry naughty children to the next morning while the good ones were rewarded with gifts.

In Christian lands Christmas is celebrated with the commemoration of the birth of Christ, and among the Moslems it is supposed to mark the natal anniversary of that event. But scholars and educated people, who are not so much interested in the actual day, or even the year, of

Christ's birth is not known with certainty.

MOTORISTS' WORST FOES

With the approach of winter a war is declared on the motorist by an army more deadly than that of Attila the Hun, and more cunning in its attack. This army is known as the "Weather."

These and other early winter enemies are enumerated by W. T. Palmer, an official of the company making Russo Bruko linings, who after an extensive survey has discovered the basic causes of what he terms "your winter and summer misadventures." Over 1,000,000 seriously injured annually in automobile accidents.

The remedy for all these deadly winter hazards is so simple that it seems almost that they are allowed to exist at all. As everyone knows, brakes which are badly worn or out of adjustment, lose their stopping power or tend to slide the car when applied on wet or icy surfaces. Other mechanical defects are likely to produce equally disastrous results.

At the beginning of winter a complete inspection of a car's running gear and the making of minor adjustments by trained service men would cost but a trifling sum. The car owner who neglects taking such precautions is needlessly risking his own life and the lives of his family and friends for whose safety he is responsible.

McCOLLOUGH CLUB MEETS

The McCollough Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Grace Rowell on December 9.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Rowell, and minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary.

After going into business, Mrs. Alice Hughes gave a demonstration on renovation. She worked over several hours with several results. Mrs. Hughes also gave some plans on how to make-over a crepe dress.

The next morning will still be on renovation. Mrs. Hughes was dismissed by the president.

LUCY DeVANE, Sec'y.

Lillian Copeland, elected women champion in weight, was crowned champion of the world in training for the Olympic games which will be held in Los Angeles next summer.

AN ORDINANCE

Enacted On Ordinance To Levy Taxes On All Trades, Businesses, Professions, Manufactures and Other Occupations For the Year 1932, in the City of Elba, Alabama.

SECTION ONE

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, as follows: That all firms, persons or corporations, located in or carrying on after January 1, 1932, within the corporate limits of said City or Police Jurisdiction, a privilege, professional, trade or occupation in this ordinance shall be assessed or otherwise provided for shall pay a license tax for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1932, as herein provided, as follows:

1—Auctioneers, each person \$10.00

2—Accident Insurance, upon the company, agent or broker, for the same \$10.00

3—Automobile work or repair shops (except those in the employ of merchants), each \$10.00

4—Automobile work or repair shops where motor power generating machinery is used, each \$75.00

5—Automobiles run for hire, each \$10.00

6—Automobile dealers or agents who sell sales or keep auto parts for sale, each \$30.00

7—Automobile upholstery, top covering, or painting, each person or firm \$25.00

8—Barber shops, each chair \$7.50

9—Banana or fruit wagon or truck, per year, each \$15.00

10—Bicycles, each \$1.00

11—Bicycles, when sold, per year, or month, each \$7.50

12—Bottling works, manufacturing or putting up in bottles soft drinks, such as soda water, Coca Cola, Cherry Cola, Lemon Cola, or kindred drinks, selling the retail and wholesale trade in Elba themselves or through their agents, each \$50.00

13—Agents selling bottled soft drinks, each \$50.00

14—Agents selling bottled soft drinks, each \$50.00

15—Blacksmith shops and repair shops (except an exclusive farm blacksmith), each \$10.00

16—Blacksmith shops and repair shops, using power machinery, each \$25.00

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